



Rule Up For Final Action

Proposed Amendments to

WAC 230-40-610 (5)

Player-supported jackpots-Restrictions-Manner of conducting-Approval

ITEM 14 (a) on the November 19, 2004, Commission Meeting Agenda.	Statutory Authority 9.46.070
Who proposed the rule change?	
Dolores Chiechi, on behalf of the Recreational Gaming Association	
Why is this rule change proposed?	
<p>Dolores Chiechi submitted a Petition for Rule Change to amend WAC 230-40-610 (5) which sets operating restrictions for poker games offering player supported jackpots (PSJ). Licensees are responsible for protecting and ensuring proper accountability of all fund collected from the players. Furthermore, licensees act only as the custodian of the PSJ funds.</p> <p>Currently, the rule allows licensees to pay \$500 or less, in cash, to players that have been awarded a PSJ prize. Prize amounts not awarded in cash must be paid within twenty-four hours, by check, the type which provides a duplicate copy. For example, if a player is awarded a PSJ prize of \$2,000, the player is awarded \$500 in cash and issued a check for \$1,500 within twenty-four hours, from the PSJ account. This check cannot be cashed on the licensed premises.</p> <p>The proposal would increase the cash portion of payouts from \$500 to \$2,500. It would also allow checks written for prizes to be cashed on the licensed premise.</p> <p>The Commission filed the Petition at the September meeting with the anticipation of a staff recommendation at the next meeting. Staff has analyzed the Petition and supports the proposed changes. Please see staff recommendation memo for details.</p> <p><u>Attached:</u> Staff recommendation memo dated October 22, 2004. Petition for Rule Change Proposed amendment to WAC 230-40-610 Letter to Ms. Chiechi informing her of the November Commission meeting.</p>	
Statements against the proposed rule change.	
None at this time.	
Which licensees will be directly impacted?	
Card rooms offering player-supported jackpots.	
What are the potential impacts to the agency?	
Minimal.	
Staff recommendation.	
Adoption.	
Proposed effective date.	
January 1, 2005.	